

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒ no ☐

Property Name: Park Head Church and Cemetery Inventory Number: WA-V-046
Address: 9512 National Pike Historic district: yes ☒ no ☐
City: Big Pool Zip Code: 21711 County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Cherry Run
Property Owner: c/o John Younker Tax Account ID Number: 15-014008
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 83 Tax Map Number: 32
Project: US 40: Bridge No. 21010 over Licking Creek Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Becky Kermes Date Prepared: 8/4/2004
Documentation is presented in: _____
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Park Head Church and Cemetery is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Park Head Church and its adjacent Cemetery is located on the north side of US 40, just west of the SHA Bridge No. 21010 over Licking Creek. The structure is located very close to the road and the cemetery is located to the north, east, and west of the structure. The Church was organized in 1833 by Jeremiah Mason and the property was deeded from Margaret Synder to the Park Head Board of Trustees, of which Mason was the chair. The deed specifically stated that the edifice was to be used by any Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Old Methodists, Roman Catholics, and "all other persuasions of Christians that the above named trustees or their successors approve of." The name Park Head was derived from a 2664 1/4 acre tract of land patented under the name of Park Head Amended which lay immediately below the mouth of Licking Creek.

The original portion of the structure is a 1 1/2 story gable front with a standing seam metal roof. The structure features common bond cladding. Interior features include an upper gallery (supposedly constructed for the use of Jeremiah Mason's slaves) and a beaded board ceiling with a very modest slope. The original door way is covered by a front gable addition that was added to the structure in 1949. The original 1833 gable peak window is visible but only the top portion of the ground level front façade

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments:

John Younker ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

9/29/04
Date

Becky Kermes
Reviewer, National Register Program

9/30/04
Date

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windows is visible. A 1957 shed addition was added to the west elevation and wraps around to the rear of the building. The eastern façade is the only façade that illustrates the 1833 portion. It features two large 6/6 double hung sash windows.

The cemetery contains grave markers from the 1800s to the present. There is one known slave interred here whose marker was commemorated by the congregation in 1976. The cemetery does not portray a wide range of funerary art.

The Park Head Church and Cemetery is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as the Church is associated with significant events in history, specifically with the National Road.

1. National Road - The Corridor Partnership Plan for the Maryland Historic National Road Scenic Byway has indicated the period of 1810-1850 as the "Heyday" of the National Road and that religious buildings were a consistent feature of the National Road corridor. Park Head Church is not specifically mentioned in the context of the report, but is labeled as a "Historic Scenic Byway Feature" in the mapping. This church, when taken in context with the locations of others on the National Road corridor, may reflect the increasing importance of roadway travel, and the desire for accessibility and visibility of religious institutions.
2. The Spread of Methodism - Research indicated that during the period of the late 1820s through the 1830s, the Methodist Church experienced some internal strife and therefore there were Churches who associated themselves as Methodist-Episcopal, or Methodist-Protestant. While the construction of the Park Head Church falls within this period of the Methodist Church history, due to the common problem of lack of funds, many congregations used one church building, as was the case with Park Head. The deed specifically calls for the use of the church by any Methodists, as well as other denominations.. This may reflect a significant accommodation to the trend at the time to embrace diversified doctrine. Alternatively, it may also reflect resistance to the division of Methodists into separate church bodies by attempting to blur the boundaries between disparate Christian denominations.
3. Research does not indicate that the Church was designed or built by minority populations of the area.

The Park Head Church and Cemetery is considered not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B as it is not associated with the lives of historically significant persons. The Reverend Jeremiah Mason first came into Western Maryland as an itinerant preacher. In Williams "History of Western Maryland," he states that Mason was settled on a tract of land called Castle Howe around 1805. Court records indicate Jeremiah Mason was married in 1807 to Ann Jacques, daughter of Thomas Jacques and former owner of Castle Howe. Records of the Methodist Church indicate that Jeremiah was an itinerant preacher in the Chambersburg Pennsylvania Circuit in 1813 and then the Williamsport, Maryland Circuit in 1828. Jeremiah Mason entered into a wide range of activities, including politics, holding office under the Whig Party, a planter, lumberman, and miller, the latter activities accomplished through his ownership of slaves.

A 1956 article written for the Maryland Historical Magazine ("Park Head Church and the Reverend Jeremiah Mason" by Mary Vernon Mish, Volume 51, No. 1, March 1956) stated that the Reverend Jeremiah Mason was not only the founder of the Park Head Church, but several other churches in the vicinity, including the Mount Nebo Methodist Church in Boonsboro (WA-II-878), the Methodist Episcopal Church in Hancock, and the Methodist Protestant Church in Clear Spring. Research indicated that the Mount Nebo Methodist Church was founded as a United Brethren Church as early as 1750, and a new building was constructed in 1832. Mason may have been associated with the construction of the new building in 1832, but there is no mention of his name in the Mount Nebo Church history. The Methodist Church of Hancock (formerly the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hancock) does mention Jeremiah Mason as a member of the original Board of Trustees. Research at the Washington Historical Society did not produce any evidence of the relationship between the Methodist Protestant Church in Clear Spring and Jeremiah Mason. Additionally, this church is not included in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties of Clear Spring and it is believed to be no longer extant.

In short, the Reverend Jeremiah Mason was an accomplished individual, but his accomplishments do not compare as outstanding to

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Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

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others in ministry at that time. Therefore the Park Head Church is not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B.

The Park Head Church and Cemetery is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Despite the additions and exterior alterations, the Church retains integrity of feeling and association and enough remains of the original edifice to convey its use as a religious structure, and support its significance under Criterion A.

The Park Head Church and Cemetery is not being evaluated for its National Register eligibility under Criterion D.

Repositories Consulted:

1. Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties
2. The Maryland Historical Society
3. The Washington County Historical Society
4. The Baltimore-Washington Conference Archives of the United Methodist Church

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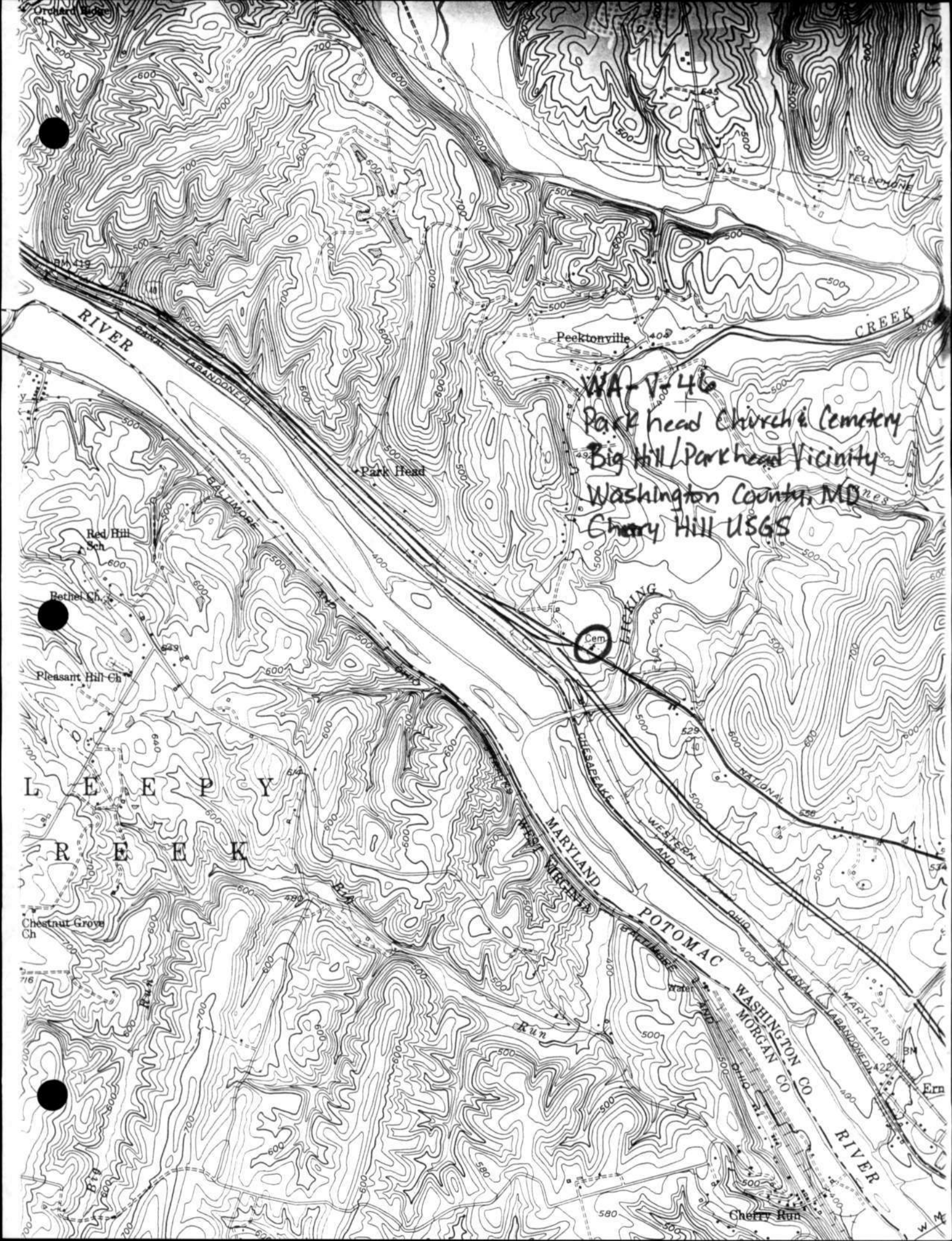
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Park Head Church & Cemetery

Washington County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPD

Front facade - facing US 40 - facing south.

(1 of 6)



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Parkhead Church & Cemetery

Washington County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of the South West corner -

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Park Head Church & Cemetery
Washington County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of the north elevation (rear)

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Park Head Church & Cemetery

Washington County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

View of the east elevation. This is the only elevation that is not obstructed with additions.

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WA-V-4b

Park Head Church & Cemetery

Washington County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

Over view of cemetery

Bldgs across the street are not part
of the church property - belong to SHA

(5 of 6)

maint. facility



IN MEMORY

JACOB SHAW.

DIED

March 23, 1875.

Aged

61 yrs 1 mo 24 d

2nd time

WA-V-46

Park Head Church & Cemetery

Washington County, MD

B. Kermes, photographer

July 2004

Negatives @ MD SHPO

Detail view of cemetery headstone.

(Leaf 6)

rec'd 7/18/83

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Park Head Church and Cemetery, Union Church

AND/OR COMMON

Park Head United Methodist Church and Cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old U.S. Route 40, Old National Road, Big Pool

6

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

* VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Washington

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☒ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ch. Trustee Leroy Miller, Cem. Tru. Verde Younker

Telephone #: 301-842-2937
301-842-3130

STREET & NUMBER

Big Pool, Md.

CITY, TOWN

21750

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: SS 258

Folio #: 157 277

STREET & NUMBER

Hagerstown

Md. 21740

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-V-046

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	** <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
** <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	** <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church and cemetery lies west of Licking Creek, on the North side of old Route 40, 6 miles west of Clearspring, 6 miles east of Hancock, Md., in the Indian Springs District, in Washington County, Md. The cemetery surrounds the north, west, and east sides.

The church is a detached, red brick, one story with a balcony (gallery for slaves) rectangular building, with a vestibule in the front, a gabled roof covers the building, has 11 stained glass windows with storm windows, 2 sets of wooden double doors (front), 1 wooden rear door with storm door, a concrete and brick chimney. A bell encased in brick sets in the northwest corner of front of building. The sanctuary has paneling 1/4 up the wall, the remaining wall is mushroom color painted wainscoted, oak floors, with carpet runners in center aisle, carpeted chancel, 4 hanging chandeliers and 2 balcony ceiling. 5 church school rooms and 1/2 bath on the north and west side of sanctuary have dome lights also, a set of stairs in the vestibule (in front of church) leads to the balcony. Bookcases are in the church rear wall and a closet (storage) and wallcoat closet in the vestibule.

An aluminum outbuilding for cemetery storage is in the rear of the lot with a macadam road leading into and part way around the cemetery.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1833,1958

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Rev. Jeremiah Mason, Church Trustees
1833 1958

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building should be included in the National Register because it has stood for 150 years as a church, a place to freely worship, a place to gather in the nearby surrounding community, concerning human beings living together to promote their welfare.

History and Support

The building does retain its significant, design, aspect and feeling enough to be recognizable. Its original design has not been changed, even though rooms have been added., the gallery still remains in its place, the original brick that were made and burn burned nearby are still there.

The cemetery holds the remains of the old slave that once sat in the gallery of the church, a creek stone graces the head of his grave while a marble marker was dedicated to him in 1976 by the church group, graces his other end of his plot. His children are also interred here.

Quote-"To have maintained a place of worship continually for 121 years throughout good times and grievous ones is concededly an achievement worthy of being recorded." "Mrs. Mish-Park Head Church and the Rev. Jeremiah Mason"-page 48.

"Besides those in the towns there are several churches in the district, one a short distance north of Ft. Frederick, an Union Church, at the point where Licking Creek flows into the Potomac"-Scharf

"Rev. Mason built and established the church at Park Head" Williams

"When Park Head Church was erected in 1833 near Licking Creek Mills, now Pecktonville, its founder and organizer was the Rev. Jeremiah Mason,"-Mish

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History of Western Maryland; Being a History of Frederick, Montgomery, Carroll, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties-J. Thomas Scharf-Vol. 2, page 1293

Park Head Church and the Rev. Jeremiah Mason; Mary Vernon Mish; Reprint from the
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 1/2 acres more or less

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of Park Head Church is shown as a red circle on the accompanying map entitled Indian Springs District, no. 15, also portion of Hagerstown and county area map

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Park Head Church Historian Mrs. Fay Younker

July 14, 1983

ORGANIZATION

DATE

6 Taliaferro Street

301-678-6921

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Hancock

Maryland, 21750

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME																								
COMMON: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">Park Head Church</div>																								
AND/OR HISTORIC:																								
2. LOCATION																								
STREET AND NUMBER: U.S. 40 at the junction with I-70																								
CITY OR TOWN: Route 1, Big Pool																								
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington																						
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STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1																								
CITY OR TOWN: Big Pool		STATE: Maryland																						
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CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis,		STATE: Maryland																						

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Park Head United Methodist Church is located on the north side of U.S. 40 just east of its junction with I-70 in Washington County, Maryland. Its entrance faces south or toward the road.

The church is a one-and-a-half story brick structure with white trim. Modern additions to the building include the entrance vestibule, dated 1949, and a shed roofed extension along the north side which was constructed in 1957. A small brick chimney is located inside the east side wall about midway between the gables. The roof is covered with modern sheet metal.

The foundations are of coursed local fieldstone which carry brick walls laid in flemish bond at the south gable or entrance end. Other walls of the original structure are laid in common bond. There is little decorative brick work associated with the exterior of the original part of the building. Flat brick arches are, however, present over the six-over-six pane sash windows.

The woodwork which finishes the windows and doors of the original section consists of simple molding. Cyma molding finishes the modern cornice as well as the overhang of the roof at the gables.

A date stone located within the south gable end of the church is marked M1833R. Recorded on the corner stone is the information that the land for the church was deeded from Anthony and Margaret M. Snyder in 1836. The church was built by the Reverend Jeremiah Mason.

The interior and exterior of the building have been substantially altered. Local historians report that the south or entrance end of the building was destroyed by a wind storm some time after the Civil War.

The church stands on .05 acres of ground and is in excellent condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

M 1833 R

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☒ Religion/Phi-☐ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

losophy

☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ Science☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

itarian

☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the church at Park Head has been altered, it is significant both for its architecture and its history. Architecturally, the church is an example of a type of structure built in Washington County during the mid 19th century. These churches, usually erected by small congregations were generally only two or three bays in length. Many of these structures are very plain and functional in design and were frequently built without steeples. The Park Head Church is one of the earlier buildings remaining in the County which is still in use.

The Reverend Jeremiah Mason, builder of the Park Head Church, was a distinguished Washington Countian who came to this area about 1805 from southern Maryland. The Masons were a wealthy family which had been established in Maryland since the 17th century. Jeremiah Mason settled in Washington County on lands along the Licking Creek which he called "Castle Howe." In addition to his interest in Park Head Church, the Reverend Mason helped to establish churches in Clear Spring and Boonsboro in Washington County. Mason was also a businessman, planter and held office as a Whig in the County government.¹

¹ Thomas J. C. Williams, History of Washington County, Maryland, Volume II, Mail Publishing Company, Hagerstown, Md., 1906, p. 854.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 45' X 52' + 57 perches (.05 acres)

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE September, 1973
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

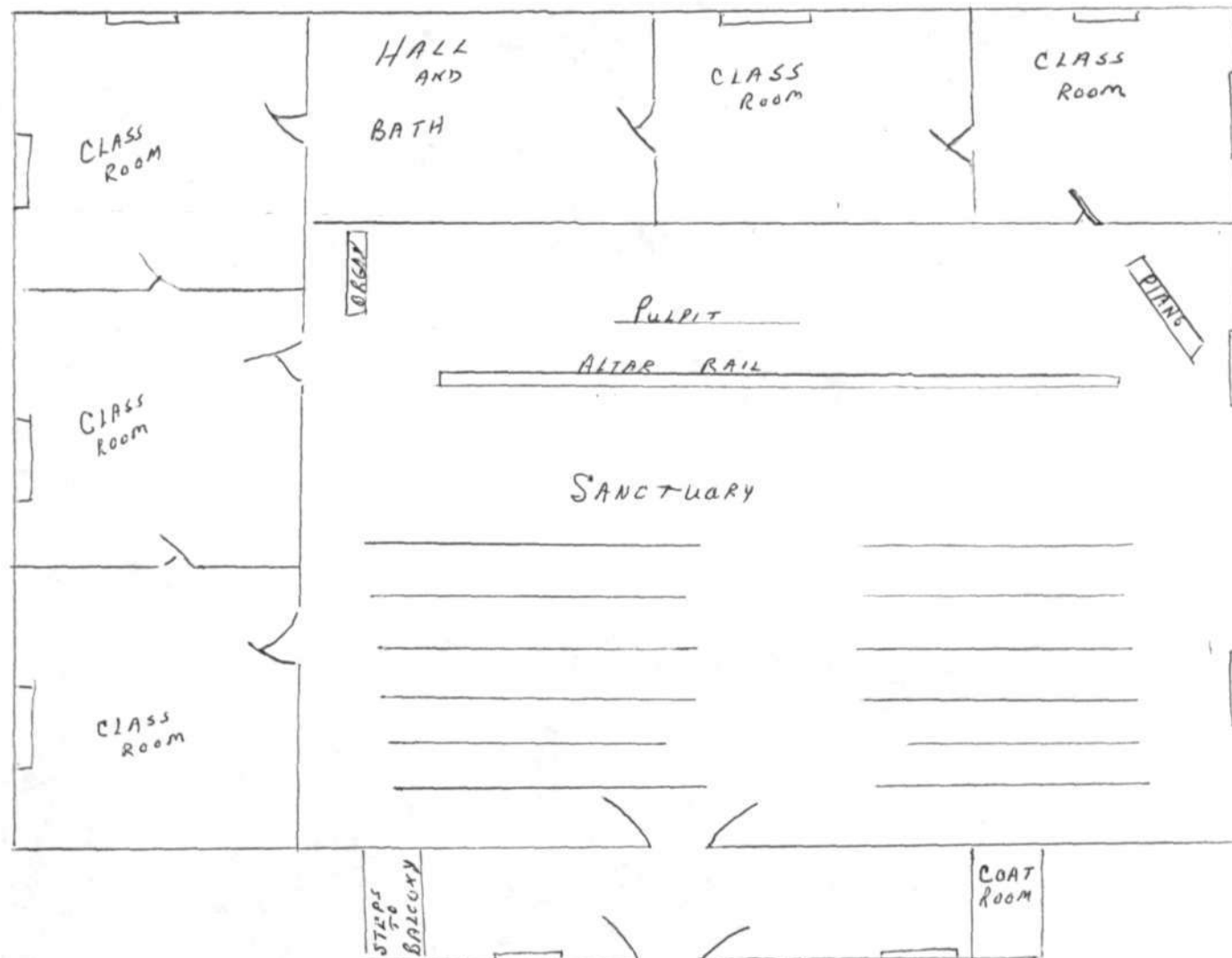
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National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PARK HEAD CHURCH FLOOR PLAN



NOT TO SCALE
5/8/1983. Fay A. YOUNKER

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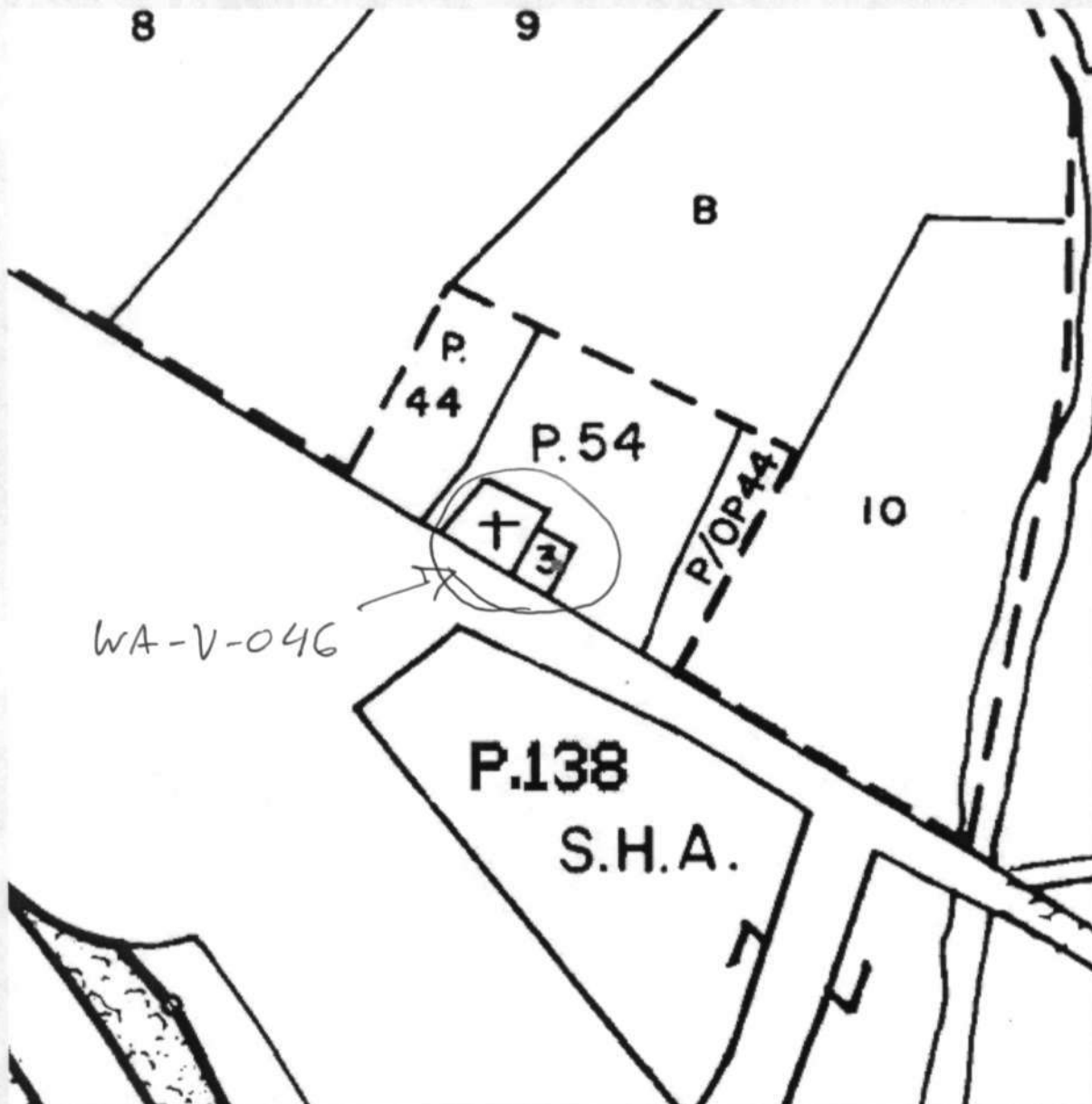
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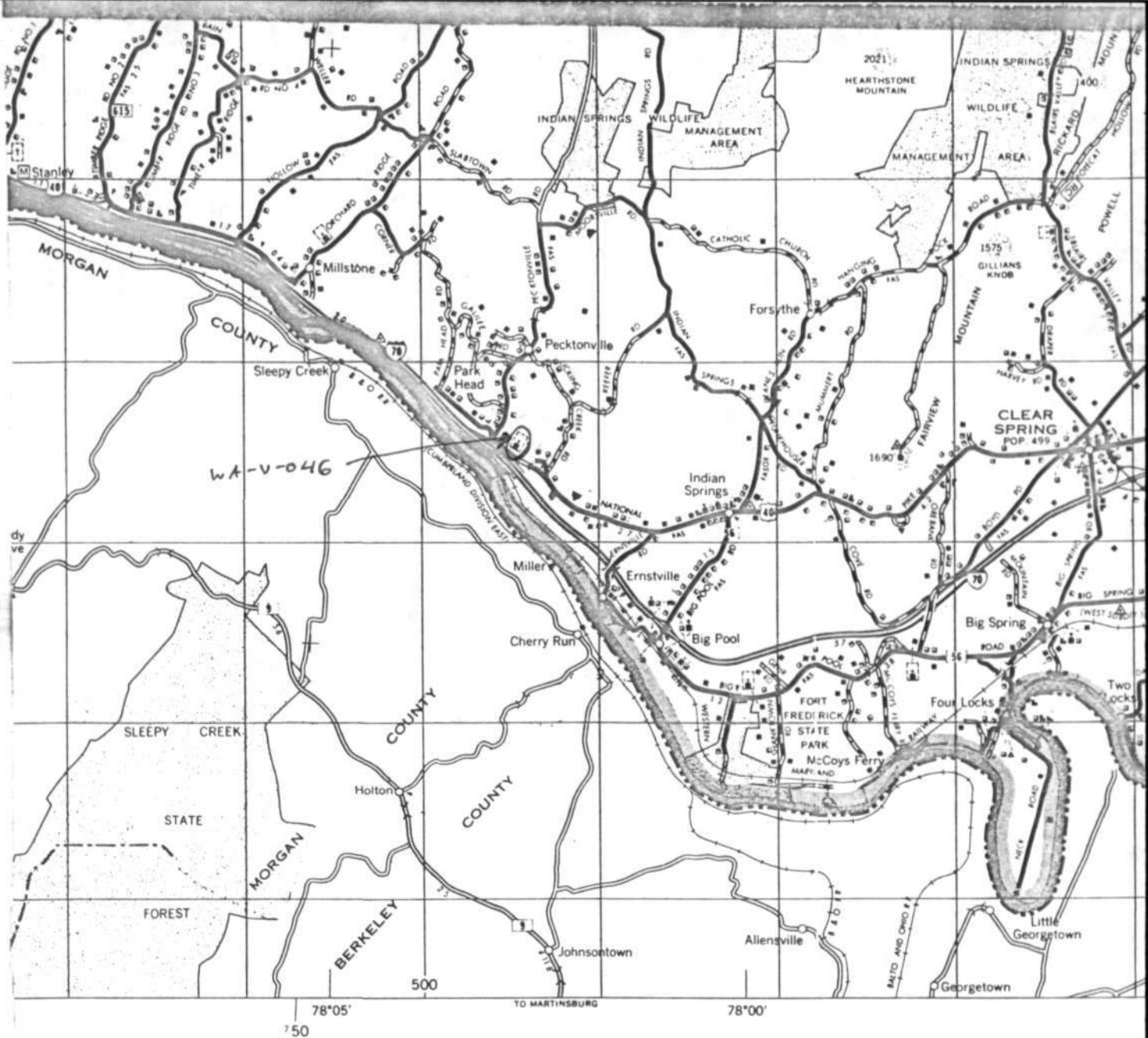
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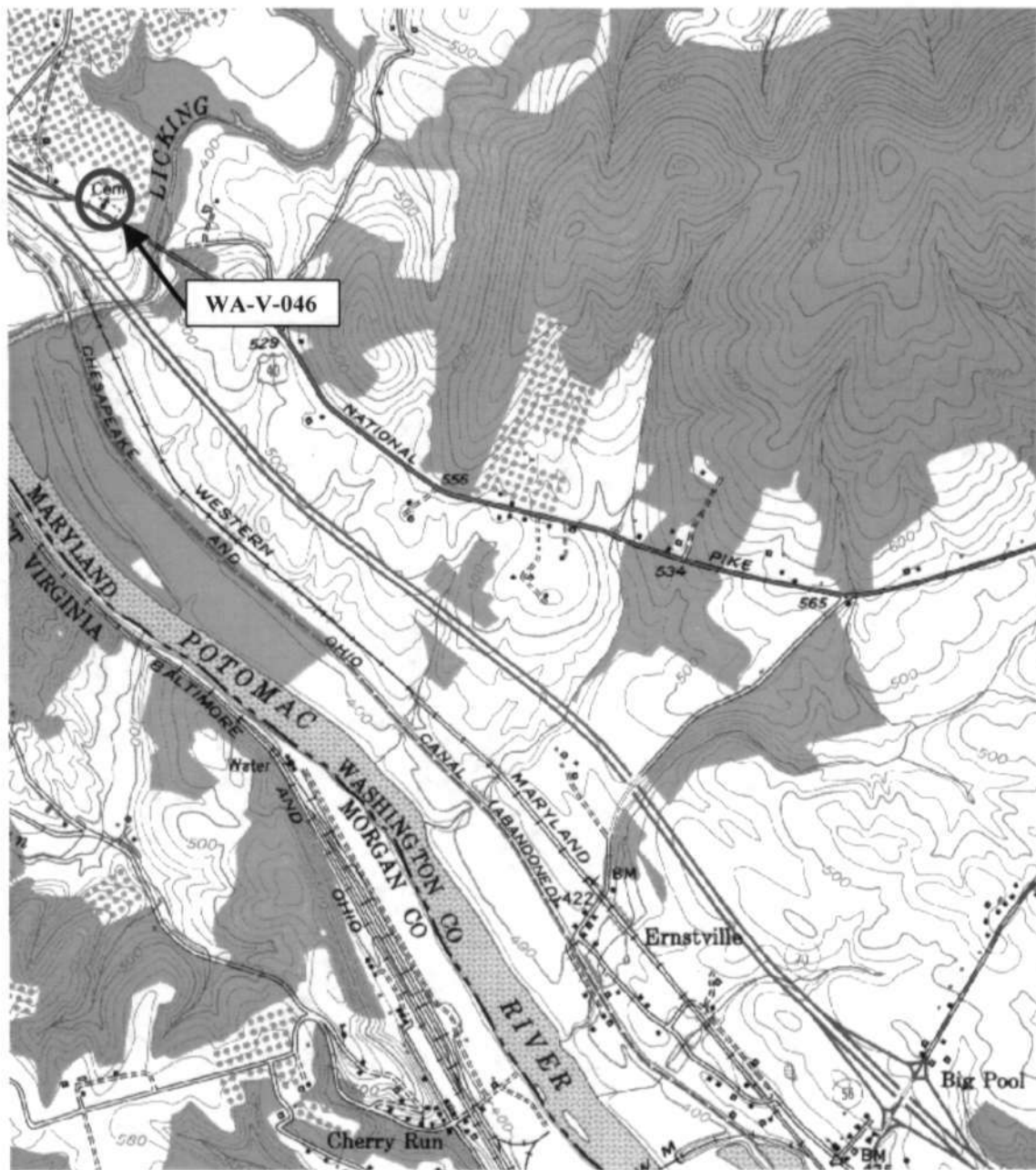


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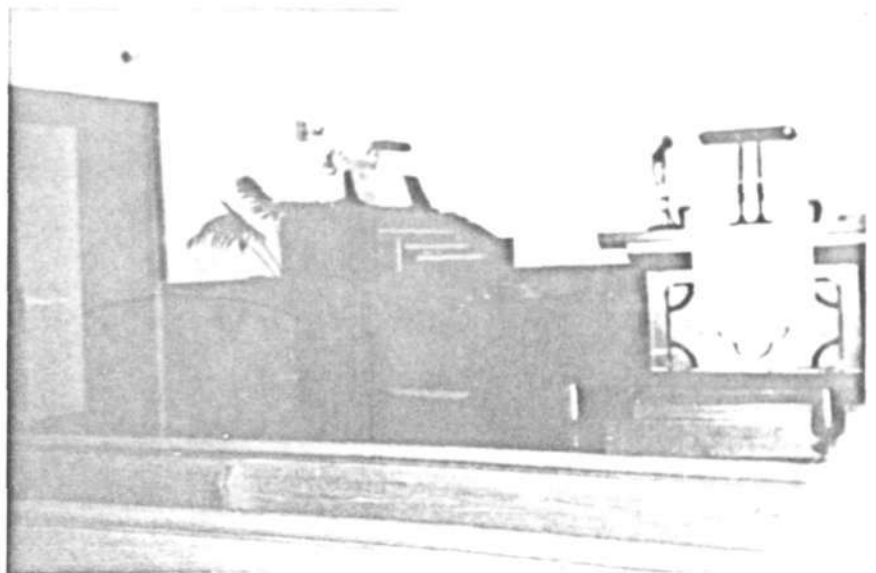
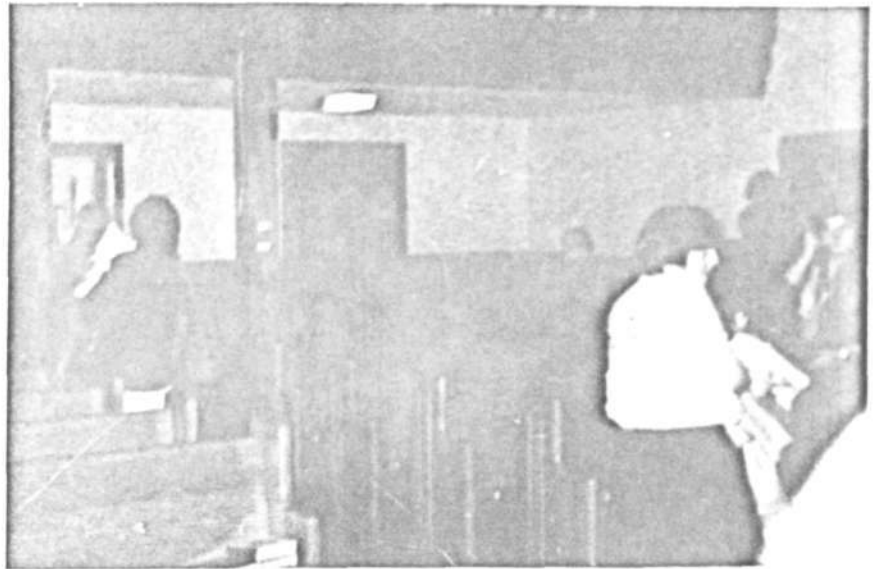
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